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SUBJECT: INDOCHINA REFUGEES ABOARD BRITISH SHIP SIBONGA

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1. CONGEN HONG KONG IS CORRECT THAT WE CANNOT GRANT IMMEDIATE RESETTLEMENT TO SIBONGA REFUGEES. THEY ARE PRIMARILY THE RESPONSIBILITY OF U.K. AS COUNTRY OF REGISTRY OF SHIP, ALTHOUGH U.S. WOULD CONSIDER THEIR APPLICATIONS AND ACCEPT THOSE QUALIFIED FOR ENTRY UNDER AN ADMISSION PROGRAM (CE OR PAROLE) WERE THEY GIVEN FIRST ASYLUM IN HONG KONG. (SINCE SAFETY OF SUBJECT REFUGEES DOES NOT
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APPEAR TO BE AT ISSUE HERE, PROCEDURES UNDER REF. D NOT APPROPRIATE.) SHOULD UKG AND HKG TAKE OPTION 2 OF PARA 4 REF B, THOSE FIVE REFUGEES ALLEGED IN REF C TO HAVE IMMEDIATE RELATIVES IN U.S. (CAT. I UNDER IPP-78) COULD BE CONSIDERED FOR ENTRY FROM U.K. WHEN PROPOSED NEW PAROLE FOR 25,000 BOAT AND OVERLAND INDOCHINESE REFUGEES OVER NEXT TWELVE MONTHS IS INAUGURATED. FOR THE PRESENT,

IPP-78 CONSTRUCTIVELY FILLED, AND SPACES WILL NOT REPEAT
NOT BE REASSIGNED TO SIBONGA REFUGEES.

2. FOR LONDON: NO ASSURANCE CAN PRESENTLY BE GIVEN UK
THAT FIVE REFUGEES WILL IN FACT BE ACCEPTED IN IMMINENT
PROGRAM, SINCE PRIORITY IN ALLOCATION OF SPACES WILL GO
TO SEA COUNTRIES OF FIRST ASYLUM WHERE BACKLOG OF
REFUGEES IS LARGE AND NEW ARRIVALS AT UNPRECEDENTED RATE.
SEVERAL MONTHS COULD PASS BEFORE SITUATION EASES, AND
THEREFORE IT MIGHT BE SEEN BY UK AUTHORITIES AS
PREFERABLE TO HAVE REFUGEES ALLOWED ASHORE IN H.K.

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